

281—98.45(279) Early literacy. School districts shall provide intensive supplemental reading instruction to any student who has been identified as persistently at risk in reading, based upon an assessment or through teacher observations. The student's reading proficiency shall be reassessed by locally determined or statewide assessments. The student shall continue to be provided with intensive reading instruction, at grade levels beyond grade three if necessary, until the student is reading at grade level.

98.45(1) *Appropriate uses of categorical funding.* Appropriate uses of early literacy program funding include, but are not limited to:

- a. Intensive supplemental instructional programs, instructional support, and assessment for identified students;
- b. Professional development for staff regarding early literacy program requirements, instructional materials, and assessments;
- c. Purchase of supplemental or specialized curriculum or instructional materials and assessments that are scientific, research-based and meet the standards of Iowa Code section 279.68 for identified students;
- d. If not already being provided with other sources of funding or general program funding, tutoring, mentoring, and extended school day, week, or year programs for identified students;
- e. Intensive summer literacy programs for identified students;
- f. Transportation services for identified students participating in intensive summer literacy programs;
- g. The fee charged by the department for implementation of the early warning assessment for literacy provided in accordance with Iowa Code sections 256.7(31) and 279.68, effective with the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, pursuant to 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 172.

98.45(2) *Inappropriate uses of categorical funding.* Inappropriate uses of early literacy program funding include, but are not limited to, indirect costs or use charges, operational or maintenance costs, capital expenditures other than equipment, student transportation other than as allowed in subrule 98.45(1), or administrative costs.

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